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Ruwet Announces Wyoming Avenue Land Saved from Auction Block



State Rep. Anne L. Ruwet, R-65th, Torrington, announced that Torrington will receive a parcel of land on Wyoming Avenue that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) had been preparing to sell at auction this month.

Rep. Ruwet said the 11,543 square foot property will be donated to the Heritage Land Preservation Trust to be preserved permanently and used as open space for future generations.

“DOT had put this property up for auction, and we literally saved it from the auction block,” said Rep. Ruwet. “In response to our request, the Heritage Land Preservation Trust and its president, Gerry Zordan, will be able to secure the land for open space.”

Rep. Ruwet said the parcel connects with 34 acres of existing open space and the land grant will keep this property undeveloped and available for passive recreation. The trust is a non-profit agency whose mission is to secure open space in Connecticut’s Northwest Corner.

Rep. Ruwet noted that the trust will receive the parcel free of charge, other than administrative expenses in transferring the deed to the property. She said the property was anticipated to be sold for development at a minimum bid of \$43,000, though it could have sold for more.

The state House of Representatives adopted a statewide land conveyance bill, HB 6909, including the transfer of the Wyoming Avenue parcel.

The state Senate was expected to concur and send the bill to Gov. M. Jodi Rell for her signature.

Rep. Ruwet serves the 65th Assembly District of Torrington in the state House of Representatives.